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July 31, 2003

Ms. Ellen Bryson, Chief Manager  
Tennessee Independent Telecommunications Group, LLC d/b/a/ Iris Networks  
211 Commerce Street, Suite 610  
Nashville, Tennessee 37201

Re: *Approval of the Collocation Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and Tennessee Independent Telecommunications Group, LLC d/b/a Iris Networks Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.*  
Docket No. 03-00443

Dear Ms. Bryson:

The above Agreement was filed with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority on July 21, 2003. In order to fully evaluate the Agreement, the Staff requests that you respond to the following questions:

1. Does the Tennessee Independent Telecommunications Group, LLC d/b/a Iris Networks intend to seek a certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-201?
2. If so, when will such application be filed? If not, please explain in detail your position that Iris Networks does not need a CCN to operate in Tennessee. Please include appropriate legal justification.

Please provide your response, by August 11, 2003. If you have any questions concerning this matter, or require additional information, please contact C.D. Mundy at 615-741-2791 ext. 166 or myself at ext. 175.

Sincerely,

Joe Werner  
Telecommunications Chief

cc: Mr. Guy Hicks  
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